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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS

REF: (A) BAMA KO 2597, (B) BAMA KO 1430

1. THERE ARE TWO MAJOR ADMIN PROBLEMS AT THIS POST: PERSONNEL AND VEHICLES. REF A DESCRIBED NATURE OF PERSONNEL PROBLEM REGARDING ADMIN CAPABILITIES. PARA 3 APPLIES, IN PARTICULAR. THIS PROBLEM WILL NOT BE ALLEVIATED TO ANY APPRECIABLE EXTENT EVEN WITH THE ARRIVAL OF NEW GSO. IF A 4 LEVEL POSITION CANNOT BE ESTABLISHED AND STAFFED, THEN AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE

OFFICER AT THE 6 LEVEL WOULD HELP.

2. THE DEPT'S CONTINUED REFUSAL TO PERMIT EMBASSY BAMA KO TO BUY FOREIGN MAKE VEHICLES MEANS THAT OUR US VEHICLE FLEET SPENDS MUCH TIME IDLE IN HSO COMPOUND. AID HAS HAD RIGHT TO BUY FOREIGN MAKES AND OPERATES THEM WITH GREAT EFFICIENCY. WE HAVE JUST HEARD THAT USIS MAY ALSO BE EXEMPTED FROM BUY-AMERICA REQUIREMENT. CLEARLY IT IS TIME FOR STATE TO BEGIN PURCHASING FRENCH PEUGEOTS AND RENAULTS FOR ALL BUT AMBASSADOR SITUATION HAS WORSENERD SINCE REF B IN THAT

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WE NOW HAVE MORE US MAKES: FORD, PLYMOUTH,

INTERNATIONAL, CHEVROLET, AMERICAN MOTORS, JEEP,
GMC CARRYALL, DODGE VAN. WE HAVE NOT BEEN PERMITTED
TO STANDARDIZE ON ONE U.S. MAKE.

3. ABOVE

PROBLEMS CAN BE RESOLVED, FIRST, BY GRANTING
NEEDED ADMIN POSITION AND FINDING QUALIFIED OFFICER,
AND SECOND, BY STROKE OF PEN GRANTING US AUTHORITY TO
BUY FOREIGN VEHICLES. WITH HELP IN THESE TWO AREAS
BELIEVE BAMAKO CAN MANAGE ITS OWN AFFAIRS WITH ONLY
MNNIMAL SUPPORT FROM DEPARTMENT. THAT, ANYWAY, IS GOAL.
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